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HULCE MADE CHIEF AND EPPS CAPTAIN



CAPTAIN E. P. HULCE,
Elected Chief for Six Months.



SERGEANT G. W. EPPS,
Elected Captain Last Night.

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather.
WASHINGTON, June 15.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday: Virginia—Partly cloudy Thursday, probably showers in north portion; Friday fair, warmer; variable winds. North Carolina—Fair Thursday and Friday; light east to south winds.

The weather in Richmond yesterday was much warmer than for a week. The skies were clouded.

RANGE OF THE THERMOMETER.

9 A. M.	69
12 M.	75
3 P. M.	81
6 P. M.	76
9 P. M.	72
12 M.	70
Average	73.6-75

Highest temperature yesterday..... 81
Lowest temperature yesterday..... 69
Mean temperature yesterday..... 73
Normal temperature for June..... 74
Departure from normal temperature..... -6
Precipitation during past 24 hours..... 0

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

June 15, 1904.
Sun rises..... 4:49
Moon sets..... 7:31
High tide..... 6:25
Low tide..... 10:00

Richmond.
Captain E. P. Hulce elected Chief of Police to succeed Major Howard, resigned; Sergeant George W. Epps elected captain to fill vacancy made by the promotion of Hulce. Hulce's term of office will be for six months. Epps' term will be for six months. Hulce was elected by a large majority. Four ministers honored with degrees of doctor of divinity by Richmond College, and Dr. Chandler received degree of LL. D. Considerable progress made yesterday in the busy case of the plaintiff nearly completing his testimony. Citizens complain that electric light near his house has injured his eyes and that of his family, and asks that the street luminary be removed. Funeral of Master David Brydon Tennant this morning at 10 o'clock. The body will be taken to the place of burial at St. Louis Exposition. Two excursionists fight on train and soldiers and police interfere. Mrs. Johnnie Kian to-morrow night—Mrs. Trahan's school closes—Water Commissioners to meet.

Virginia.
Dr. Richard McIlwaine resigns the presidency of Hampden-Sidney College and is appointed to a chair with one month to decide. Telegrams from Dr. Alderman are received by the University. The University president, Dr. Richard McIlwaine, after which addresses were made by the graduating class, as follows: Master's oration, "The American Man and Woman of the Present and of the Future," W. T. Williams, Jr., A. M., Woodstock, Va. Philosophical oration, "Mind and Matter," R. E. Hamlen, A. B., Hampden-Sidney. Class oration, "Exercise of Our Faculties," T. J. Harwell, A. B., Petersburg, Va. "Overlooked Influences in Man and in Nature," S. D. Craig, A. B., Craigsville, Va. Valedictory, J. C. Blier, A. B., Tomahawk, W. Va. Degrees were conferred upon the following graduates, class of 1903: A. M.

North Carolina.
Politicians lining up for the campaign and convention. Steadman's name for Governor. Headquarters at Greensboro. The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in session at Raleigh. A new railroad chartered with \$100,000 capital. A Durham firm turns their store over to their creditors. Adam Hunt (colored), hung at Roxboro for the murder with assistance of Fleet Wilkins, a young white man.

General.

Excursion steamer General Slocum, conveying Lutheran Sunday school, including fifteen hundred children, is burned and over a hundred perish in flames off Cape Cod. The disaster is the most appalling in history of New England. The catastrophe occurred on the River off Cape Cod. Four hundred and ninety-eight bodies have been recovered. Japanese are again victorious near Fu Chow. Russian troops retired in disorder, leaving one thousand dead upon the field. Fighting renewed at Vafangow. United Confederate Veterans select Louisville as next meeting place. Lieutenant-General Stephen D. Lee selected as president of the National Military Academy. The society is a large body, and its meetings are always interesting.

Christian Missionary Convention.

The Virginia Christian Missionary Society will hold its next annual meeting in the new Christian Church at Lynchburg during the first week in October. Professor William F. Fox, of this city, is president, and Rev. H. C. Conkling, of New Orleans, is secretary of the organization. The society is a large body, and its meetings are always interesting.

Major Anderson's Return.

Major William A. Anderson, Attorney-General of Virginia, is expected home Friday from West Point, where he is attending the commencement of the United States Military Academy. His son, Mr. W. D. A. Anderson, was graduated second in the list in a large class.

JAPANESE ARE AGAIN VICTORIOUS

Defeat the Russians in a
Battle Near Fu Chow.

FORCE THEM TO
BEAT HASTY RETREAT

Reported That the Emperor's
Troops Retired in Disorder,
Leaving Thousand Dead.

SEVEN THOUSAND RUSSIANS
ARE PUT TO FLIGHT

Fighting Is Resumed Near Vafangow and Still Progresses.
Said That Tide of Battle
There Favors Russians.
No Information on
Naval Fight.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, June 16.—A dispatch to the Daily Express from Tokio, dated June 15th, says: News has been received there but has not yet been officially published, of a great Japanese victory near Fu-Chow, on the railway, seventy miles north of Port Arthur. The Russians, it is added, were overwhelmed, lost a thousand men, left all their guns on the field and retreated in disorder.

The Daily Chronicle's correspondent at Tokio cables the same news, adding that the Russians, to the number of 7,000 men, are now in full flight towards Tshi-Chiao and Kai-Chow.

FIGHTING RENEWED.

Engagement at Vafangow Again
in Progress, and Rumors Are
That Russians Are Successful.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, June 16.—The correspondent of the Central News at Liaoyang telegraphed today as follows: "The fighting at Vafangow (about fifty-five miles north of Port Arthur) was renewed to-day, and is still proceeding. No details are obtainable, but there are persistent rumors that the Russians were partly successful, destroying three squadrons of cavalry and making prisoners of six hundred. The Russian casualties in the fighting yesterday were three hundred and eighty men killed or wounded. The Japanese are not known."

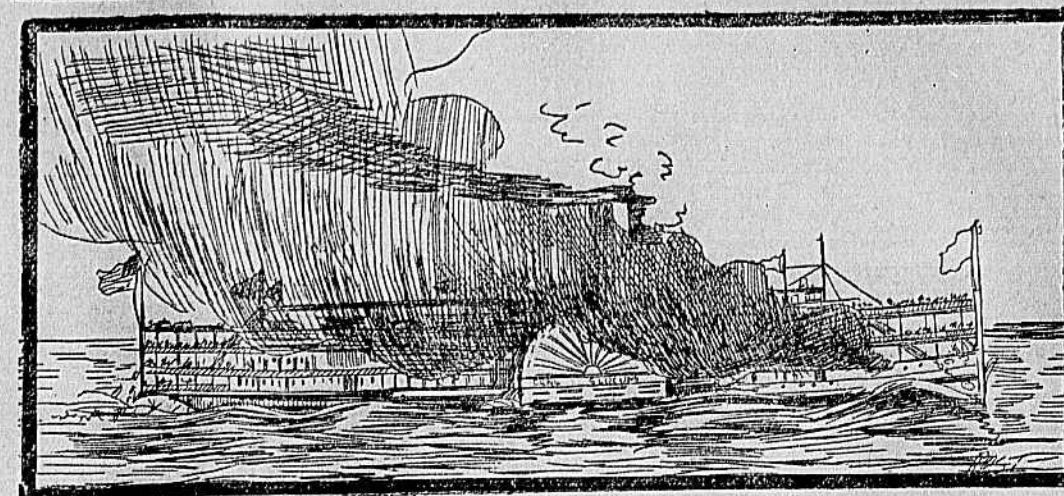
"Later a section of Russian cavalry marching in the direction of Tafen Chow and Lum Koo, discovered on its right flank a great force of Japanese cavalry. An engagement ensued, and according to the latest dispatches, fighting is proceeding all along the line, the Japanese having obtained reinforcements from Vafangow, consisting of three infantry divisions, with artillery and cavalry."

No Information on Naval Fight.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, June 15-3:35 P. M.—No information is obtainable here regarding the reported engagement between the Russian Vladivostok squadron and a Japanese squadron in the Korean Straits.

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EXCURSION BOAT BURNS; SIX HUNDRED PERISH



BURNING OF THE GENERAL SLOCUM.
(Drawn From Telegraphic Account of the Disaster.)
The General Slocum was built of wood, by Devine B. Burtis, in 1891, the hull being constructed by W. A. Fletcher Company. She was of 1,264 tons, gross measurement, and 1,013 tons net. She was licensed to carry 2,500 persons. Her measurements were: Length, 235 feet; beam, 37 feet 6 inches; draught, 12 feet 4 inches. Her speed was 15 knots. She had three water-tight bulkheads, two forward and one aft and had been certified by United States Inspectors as "A-1."

SCENE WAS PRETTY ONE

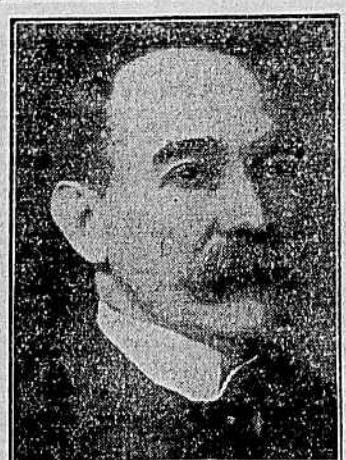
High School Children Receive
Honors and Win Applause
of Parents.

GREAT AUDIENCE THERE

Singing of the Chorus Was a
Feature of the Evening—List
of the Graduates.

The thirtieth year in the history of the Richmond High School was brought to a beautiful and fitting close last night, when an audience that taxed the capacity of the Academy of Music, witnessed the award of certificates and diplomas to more than 125 graduates.

Rarely, indeed, has a scene so strikingly beautiful, so perfectly pleasing to the eye, and so admirably managed in every particular, been presented for the pleasure and the gratification of an Academy audience. Several hundred bright and smiling faces looked from the stage over a lower of rich and fragrant flowers that extended along the foot-



PROF. W. S. CURRELL.

lights from end to end. A cloud of white dresses fluttered and gave animation to a charming picture that provoked the utmost enthusiasm among the auditors. Sweeter music was never heard in the place. The fresh voices of 150 young girls arose in perfect accord in strains that were at times anything but simple and easy of rendition.

Fine Programme.

The programme opened about 8:15 o'clock with a song by the chorus. The house was well filled at that time. The High School is an institution close to the heart of the community and its commencement is always an event of no small note. The task is not to secure an attendance, but to seat all who desire to enter.

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**23 WANT
HELP
TO-DAY.**

The 23 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 10 are as follows:

- 2 Agents. 9 Miscellaneous.
- 6 Domestic. 3 Trades.
- 3 Salesmen.

This not only interests those out of work, but those desiring to improve their positions as well.

DR. ALDERMAN MAKES REPLY

Tells Times-Dispatch He Will
Consult Board Before
Deciding.

TELEGRAMS TO THE BOARD

Public Exercises of Closing Day
at University—Portrait of
Prof. Norwood Unveiled.

New Orleans, June 15, 1904.
Editor Times-Dispatch, Richmond, Va.:
Sir,—It will be impossible for me to make final decision in this great matter until I have visited the University of Virginia and consulted with the Board of Visitors and studied the situation. This I shall do at the earliest possible moment.

ED. A. ALDERMAN.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., June 15.—Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, of Tulane University, New Orleans, who was on yesterday unanimously chosen as the first president of the University of Virginia, received official notification of his election last night while in attendance upon the commencement exercises at the Louisiana State University, at Baton Rouge. The following messages were received here early this morning in reply to the telegrams sent by the board of visitors and faculty:

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RESIGNS THE PRESIDENCY

Dr. McIlwaine Retires From the
Head of the Hampden-
Sidney College.

THE CLOSING EXERCISES

Honorary Degrees Conferred.
New Trustees Elected—Meet-
ing of Alumni Association.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
HAMPDEN-SIDNEY, Va., June 15.—Dr. Richard McIlwaine tendered his resignation to the board of trustees of Hampden-Sidney College this afternoon as president of the college and professor of moral philosophy and Bible studies. The board accepts the resignation and elects him to the chair above named. He reserves his decision for one month.

Closing Exercises.

Closing exercises were held this morning at 11 o'clock. The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. Joseph Rennis, D. D., of Norfolk, Va., who later made an excellent address on Hampden-Sidney College. Announcements of distinctions, prizes and delivery of diplomas was made by the president, Dr. Richard McIlwaine, after which addresses were made by the graduating class, as follows: Master's oration, "The American Man and Woman of the Present and of the Future," W. T. Williams, Jr., A. M., Woodstock, Va. Philosophical oration, "Mind and Matter," R. E. Hamlen, A. B., Hampden-Sidney. Class oration, "Exercise of Our Faculties," T. J. Harwell, A. B., Petersburg, Va. "Overlooked Influences in Man and in Nature," S. D. Craig, A. B., Craigsville, Va. Valedictory, J. C. Blier, A. B., Tomahawk, W. Va.

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BANDIT RAISULI INCREASES DEMAND

Now Looks as Though Fate of
Perdicaris and Varley Is
Inevitable.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 15.—A serious hitch has occurred in the negotiations for the release of Perdicaris and Varley, the American and Englishman captured in Tangier by the bandit Raisuli. The details communicated to the State Department by Consul-General Gummere indicate that Raisuli has vastly enlarged his original demands. He now insists upon absolute control of no less than four Moorish provinces, and besides demands that no less than three nations, including the United States, guarantee the absolute performance of the Sultan's promises. The demands are regarded as absolutely impossible of compliance here, notwithstanding what effect the refusal may have on the fate of the captives.

VIRGINIA WOOLLEN MILLS DESTROYED BY FIRE

WINCHESTER, Va., June 15.—The Virginia Woollen Mills, the largest industry in Winchester, caught on fire at 9 o'clock to-night and is nearly a total loss. The fire occurred in the third story while the 200 employees on the night shift were at work. All of them escaped. The loss will reach \$10,000, partly insured.

A CITIZEN OBJECTS TO NEAR-BY LIGHT

Says Its Glare Is Injuring the
Eyesight of His Whole
Family.

The committee on Light is one of the hardest-worked sub-divisions of the City Council and at every meeting there are many requests for additional light and many other things under the control of the Light Department. But it is seldom that citizens contend they have too much light. They have frequently, if not in this valued commodity. Last night, however, this rule was departed from and a resident wrote a letter asking that a certain electric light be removed because of the belief that its searching glare is injuring the eyesight of his whole family.

The following extract is taken from the letter addressed to the committee: "I beg to call your attention to the electric light at the corner of Fifth and Canal Streets. The light was removed from the opposite corner to within about thirty feet of my front window. "Myself and family suffered a great deal of inconvenience last summer, from the glare of this light. I believe it has injured my eyesight, as I have had to consult an oculist since it was placed there. We have not slept a night in darkness for the last two years and I believe this constant light is affecting the eyesight of my whole family. "The letter was referred to the Superintendent of the Gas Works, with power to act, and so far he has not determined upon his course in the matter. "The committee was disposed to look upon the request as a rather unique one.

Terrible Catastrophe Occurs Near New York.

THEY ARE BURNED AND DROWNED

Steamer General Slocum, Carrying 1,500 Sunday School Children, Burns to Water's Edge.

OVERTURNING HOT GREASE CAUSES GREAT DISASTER

Lutheran Sunday School Excursion Brought to a Close by Horrible Fire.

WATER IS STREWN WITH HUNDREDS OF BODIES

The Burning Ship Is Beached by Her Captain, But It Is Too Late—Four Hundred and Ninety-eight Bodies Are Recovered.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, June 15.—The burning of the excursion steamer General Slocum with more than 1,500 members and friends of the St. Mark's German Evangelical Lutheran Sunday-school aboard, is the most awful tragedy which has ever occurred in or near New York and the whole city is stunned by the burning or drowning of nearly, if not quite one thousand people, most of them women and little children.

Thousands of people helpless and half crazed, watched the Slocum a blazing furnace, with her helpless passengers dropping from her flame-riven sides in scores, trying to escape an awful death by burning only to find the grim scythe bearer in the swift currents of the East River.

Sixteen hundred strong, the Sunday-school children, their teachers, parents and friends went aboard the big excursion steamer at the foot of East Tenth Street, about 9 o'clock this morning and she started on her trip to Locust Grove, where the picnickers were to spend the day. The young people had just settled down to the day's enjoyment, the dangers of Hell Gate had been safely threaded and the Slocum had reached One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Street, when a puff of smoke was seen to come from the forecastle. This was quickly followed by a lurid tongue of flame.

SCENES OF WILD PANIC AMONG WOMEN AND CHILDREN

In a moment, the hundreds of women and children were in a wild panic, which all the efforts of the officers and crew, the men among the picnickers and the policemen on duty were powerless to stay. In the meantime a desperate battle was being waged to check the flames until the fated vessel could reach a place, where her precious freight of more than 1,600 souls could be placed out of danger, but the fight was in vain.

In five minutes the entire forward deck was swept by a whirlwind of flame. Captain Van Schaick ordered everyone aft and with full speed ahead put in for East One Hundred and Thirty-Fourth Street. River men seeing the boat's predicament yelled to him he was running into worse danger. The point he picked out to land was lined with oil docks. The captain put about and headed for the reef of North Brother Island, nearly half a mile away and dead against the wind, the flames and smoke fanning behind like a huge banner.

For a minute, it looked as if the fight against fire and heat would be successful and the boat would be beached. Women strained their babes to their breast and prayed. Men wept for their very helplessness.

In this pitiful crisis came the

THIS IS BARGAIN DAY IN RICHMOND. READ THE MERCHANTS' OFFERS